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MEDIA ADVISORY

North Dakota Department of Health schedules news conference to highlight the importance of flu shots to protect against influenza

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) will hold a news conference to highlight the importance of receiving a flu shot and to answer questions about influenza and the vaccine. The event will be held Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006, at 10 a.m.

At the news conference, Casimer Jochim, a rural Bismarck resident, will talk about a time he became sick with the flu and why he gets a flu shot each year. In addition, college student Vanessa Gedrose will receive her flu shot.

The following health officials also will participate in the news conference:

- Tracy Miller, Surveillance Program manager, NDDoH
- Molly Sander, Immunization Program manager, NDDoH
- Michelle Feist, Influenza Surveillance coordinator, NDDoH
- Vonnie Ereth, Wellness supervisor, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health

Members of the media who wish to attend in person can meet at 10 a.m. in Room 210 on the second floor of the State Capitol Judicial Wing in Bismarck, N.D. Media wishing to connect to the news conference by phone may dial 866.637.9769. If you have trouble connecting, call the Division of Disease Control at 701.328.2378.

For more information about the event, contact Stacy Eberl or Loreeta Canton at 701.328.2372.

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